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Tab #5

2007-2008 PROPOSED AUTHORIZED POSITION SCHEDULE

<i>Department</i>	<i>Position Title</i>	<i>FY 06/07 Authorized Positions</i>	<i>FY 07/08 Proposed Positions</i>	<i>Increase (Decrease)</i>
Community Services Division				
<i>Animal Control</i>	Kennel Worker	2	3	1
	Officer	2	2	0
	Staff Assistant II	1	1	0
	*Animal Control Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	6	7	1
<i>Community Svcs Admin.</i>	Finance Coordinator	1	1	0
	Comm. Svcs Admin. Coord.	1	1	0
	*Director of Community Services	1	1	0
	Asst Dir of Community Services	0	1	1
	Department Totals	3	4	1
<i>County Probation</i>	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant II	1	1	0
	Officer	1	2	1
	Program Coordinator	1	1	0
	Department Totals	4	5	1
<i>Facility Maintenance</i>	Staff Assistant I	1	0	(1)
	Staff Assistant II	0	1	1
	Maintenance Technician II	5	5	0
	Maintenance Technician III	1	1	0
	Maintenance Technician IV	1	1	0
	*Maintenance Supervisor	1	1	0
	Department Totals	9	9	0
<i>Library</i>	Library Assistant (PT)	6	6	0
	Library Assistant	2	4	2
	Technical Services Assistant	1	1	0
	*Library Supervisor (PT)	1	0	(1)
	*Library Supervisor (FT)	3	4	1
	Technical Services Specialist	1	1	0
	Youth Services Coordinator	1	1	0
	*Library Services Manager	1	1	0
	Clerk Driver I-FT	0	1	1
	Clerk Driver I-PT	0	1	1
	Department Totals	16	20	4
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	Parks Groundskeeper	2	2	0
	Parks Caretaker	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant II	1	1	0
	Park Technician I	4	4	0
	Landscape Technician (PT)	1	0	(1)
	Crew Leader	1	1	0
	*Parks & Recreation Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	12	11	(1)
<i>Transit</i>	Driver (PT)	5	5	0
	Driver I	13	12	(1)
	Driver II	1	1	0
	Clerk/Driver I	4	4	0
	Maintenance Helper Mechanic	1	0	(1)
	Maintenance Technician	0	1	1
	Lead Driver	1	0	(1)
	Operations Supervisor	0	1	1
	Transportation Clerk II	1	1	0
	Office Supervisor	1	1	0
	Transit Courier	0	1	1
	*Transit Coordinator	1	1	0
	Department Totals	28	28	0
<i>Veterans Services</i>	Office Assistant I	2	2	0
	Veterans Counselor I	3	3	0
	*Veterans Service Officer I	1	1	0
	*Veterans Service Office Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	7	7	0

<i>Department</i>	<i>Position Title</i>	<i>FY 06/07 Authorized Positions</i>	<i>FY 07/08 Proposed Positions</i>	<i>Increase (Decrease)</i>
<i>Housing</i>	Housing Assistant I	1	1	0
	Housing Assistant II	1	1	0
	*Assistant Housing Manager	1	1	0
	*Housing Services Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	4	4	0
County Administration				
<i>County Administration</i>	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant II	2	0	(2)
	Administrative Asst./BOCC	0	0	0
	Staff Asst III	1	2	1
	Impact Fees & Assesment Program Coord	1	1	0
	Budget Specialist	0	1	1
	*Senior Budget Analyst	1	1	0
	*Project Manager	1	1	0
	*Special Projects Manager	1	0	(1)
	*Assistant County Administrator	1	1	0
	*County Administrator/Budget Officer	1	1	0
	Department Totals	10	9	(1)
<i>Human Resources</i>	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	Human Resources Specialist	1	1	0
	*HR/Administrative Svcs Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	3	3	0
<i>Information Technology</i>	Data Entry Operator (Public Defender)	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	GIS Technician	1	1	0
	Senior GIS Technician	1	1	0
	IT Support Technician II	2	2	0
	IT Support Technician III	1	1	0
	Training and Support Coordinator	1	1	0
	Program Analyst	1	1	0
	*GIS Coordinator	1	1	0
	*IT Manager/Network Administrator	1	1	0
	Department Totals	11	11	0
<i>Risk Management</i>	Staff Assistant I	1	0	(1)
	Employee Benefits Specialist	1	1	0
	Risk Management Specialist	0	1	1
	*Risk Manager	1	1	0
	Department Totals	3	3	0
County Admininstrator Supervised				
<i>Fire Services</i>	Firefighter	12	12	0
	Staff Assistant I	1	2	1
	Administrative Assistant - FS	1	1	0
	Shift Commander - Fire/ALS	3	3	0
	*Deputy Fire Chief - Administrative	1	1	0
	*Deputy Fire Chief - Operations	1	1	0
	*Fire Services Chief	1	1	0
	Department Totals	20	21	1
Planning & Development Division				
<i>Building Services/Code Compliance</i>	Staff Assistant II	2	2	0
	Building Technician	2	2	0
	Senior Building Technician	3	3	0
	Licensing Coordinator	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant III	1	1	0
	Code Compliance Inspector	0	0	0
	Bldg Services Support Assistant	1	1	0
	Code Compliance Coordinator	0	0	0
	Code & Licensing Services Manager	0	0	0
	Building Inspector III	1	1	0
	Fire/Plans Examiner II	1	1	0
	Building Inspector IV	0	0	0
	Building Inspector V	7	7	0

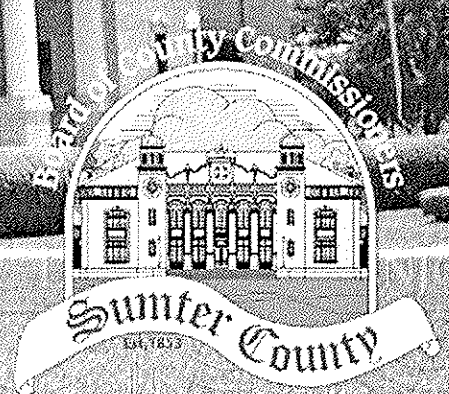
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	Plans Examiner III	1	1	0
	Plans Examiner IV	1	1	0
	Plans Examiner	0	0	0
	*Chief Plans Examiner	1	1	0
	*Chief Inspector	2	2	0
	*Building Official	1	1	0
	Department Totals	25	25	0
<i>Planning Services</i>	Office Assistant I	1	1	0
	Planning Technician	2	2	0
	Senior Planning Technician	1	1	0
	Project Specialist	1	1	0
	Development Coordinator	1	1	0
	*Planning Manager	1	1	0
	*Director of Planning & Development	1	0	(1)
	Department Totals	8	7	(1)
Public Works Division				
<i>FORCE</i>	FORCE Specialist (PT)	0.3	0.3	0
<i>Mosquito Control</i>	Technician I	2	2	0
	Staff Assistant I	1	1	0
	Technician II	0	0	0
	Operations Coordinator	1	1	0
	Department Totals	4	4	0
<i>Road & Bridge</i>	Inventory Technician I	1	1	0
	Maintenance Worker	5	5	0
	Sign Shop Technician	1	1	0
	Equipment Operator I	11	11	0
	Staff Assistant II	4	4	0
	Equipment Operator II	5	5	0
	Equipment Svcs Technician III	1	1	0
	Inventory Technician III	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant III	1.7	1.7	0
	Working Foreman	1	1	0
	Traffic Engineering Technician	2	2	0
	Engineer Technician	2	2	0
	Grants Technician	1	1	0
	Senior Equipment Operator	3	3	0
	Senior Mechanic	1	1	0
	Working Foreman - Equip. Op.	1	1	0
	Shop Foreman	1	1	0
	Welding/Service Shop Foreman	1	1	0
	*Chief Engineering Technician	1	1	0
	*Road & Bridge Superintendent	1	1	0
	*PW Administrative Coordinator	1	1	0
	*Engineering Manager	1	1	0
	*Asst. Public Works Director	1	1	0
	*Director of Public Works	1	1	0
	Department Totals	49.7	49.7	0.0
<i>Solid Waste</i>	Scalehouse/Clerical	1	0	(1)
	Equipment Operator I	1	1	0
	Equipment Operator II	3	3	0
	Mechanic	1	1	0
	Staff Assistant III	1	1	0
	Senior Equipment Operator	2	2	0
	Operations Specialist	1	1	0
	Department Totals	10	9	(1)
BOCC Staffing Totals		233.0	237.0	4.0

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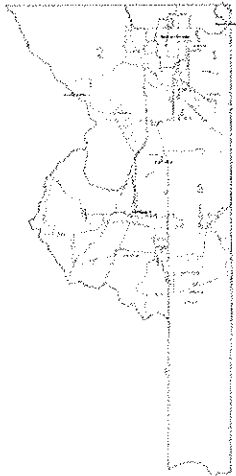
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Mission Statement

"Our mission is to provide quality Public Service to the citizens, guests, and businesses of Sumter County by addressing the needs of a diverse and growing population."

Board of County Commissioners



District 1 – Richard "Dick" Hoffman



General Area: Oxford, The Villages, Wildwood
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Bushnell, FL 33513
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Term Expires: November, 2008

District 2 – Joey Chandler



General Area: Lake Panasoffkee, Oxford, Rutland, Sumterville, Coleman
Term Expires: November, 2006

District 3 – Michael Francis



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District 4 – Jim Roberts



General Area: Bushnell, Croom-A-Coochee, Nobleton
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District 5 – Randy Mask



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Term Expires: November, 2008

County Administrator Bradley Arnold



Mr. Arnold was appointed as the County Administrator on January 9, 2006. He was born in Chattanooga, TN and moved to Bushnell shortly after his appointment. His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from The Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel) and a Master of Public Administration degree from Valdosta State University. He and his wife Michelle have four children;

Nathan, Ashley Brooke, James, and Amber Le.

Mr. Arnold has been in local government service for over ten years. His previous experience includes serving as Director of Utilities and Solid Waste Management in Lowndes County, GA for 6.5 years, as County Manager in Lowndes County, GA for 1.5 years and 4.5 years as County Administrator in Whitfield County.



In July 2006, Mr. Arnold was called to active duty in the United States Navy for a period of 18 months. Upon his return he will resume the position of County Administrator.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and all our service men and women that are serving our country in active duty all over the world.

Awards and Certifications:

Outstanding Graduate Student
for the Moody Air Force Base
MPA Program
State of Georgia Class I
Wastewater Operator License

State of Georgia Class III Water
Operator License
GSANIULPE First Class
Stationary Engineer License
Certified Type I, II
CFC Technician

Certified Local Government
Manager, UGA
Certified County Official, ACCG
Intelligence Specialist II, United
States Navy

**Interim
County
Administrator
Sandra Howell**



Mrs. Howell was appointed Interim County Administrator effective July 10, 2006, to fill the position in the absence of Bradley Arnold. Mr. Arnold is serving active military duty in the U. S. Navy for a period of 18 months.

Mrs. Howell was born in Bushnell, Florida and has lived here throughout her life. She began employment with Sumter County as a Deputy Clerk for the Clerk of Circuit Court in 1975. In 1983, she was selected to staff the first County Administrator's Office along with

Bernard Dew, the county's first County Administrator. Mrs. Howell lives in Bushnell with husband, Mike.

Mrs. Howell has served in many capacities of service to the Board including management of risk management, human resources, information technology, Commissioners support services, and budget. Most recently, she served as Assistant County Administrator and was assigned the special project of Solid Waste program review.

**County
Administration
Supporting
Staff**

Administration Staff is under the direct supervision of the County Administrator, and Assistant Administrator. Staff provides clerical support not only to the Commissioners, Administrator, and Asst. Administrator, but also Human Resources, Information Technology, Facility Maintenance, and Budget Departments. Support includes, but is not limited to payroll, accounts receivable and payable, calendaring of events, contract review, and publish-

ing notices of bid/RFP opportunities on Demand Star website. Staff works with the local emergency operation center (EOC) and coordinates availability of board employees to assist the EOC during activation by answering the public information hotline. Staff also monitors and maintains the "Helpdesk" program, which is responsible for intaking, logging, and tracking all requests from county employees regarding maintenance, janitorial, and computer complaints/ requests.

**Board
Meetings
and the
Agenda**

Board meetings are held the second, third, fourth and when applicable fifth Tuesday of the month. Public workshops, special meetings, and strategic planning sessions are scheduled by the board, as board members deem necessary. Meeting sites, beginning this year, varied depending on the topic, and seating needs. Regular

board meeting are normally held at the Historic Courthouse, in Bushnell, or at Laurel Manor, in The Villages (east of Oxford). Agenda packets are prepared for the Commissioners and public every Friday prior to the meeting date. Once completed the agenda is posted on the county's website for the public.

**Assessments
and Impact
Fees Programs**

Sumter County currently charges Road and Fire Impact Fees on all new building permits. There is also an annual fire assessment fee for all parcels with permanent structures that is charged on property tax bills. This

year the Board approved a new methodology for the fire assessment program. The new methodology provides usage of a less expensive, easier to maintain database.

**Magnolia
Manor**

Several years ago, Sumter County Board acquired a Lake Panasoffkee water facility that was built in 1960. The County became responsible for the well monitoring and customer service to 45 households. This year Sumter

County upgraded the water line system and meters, including relocation of some of the lines and meters from private property to the proper utility easement and completed the transfer to the Lake Panasoffkee Water Association.



Accomplishments

**County Administration
Supporting Staff**

Published 29 Bid/RFP notices
January 2006 hired new County Administrator to replace retiring Administrator, who worked 32 years for Sumter County
Meetings coordinated
38 Regular Board Meetings
15 Workshops
7 Special Meetings
2 Strategic Planning Sessions
Completed water line upgrade at Magnolia Manor
During 3 EOC activations, coordinated staffing of 20 to 30 BOCC employees to answer phones.

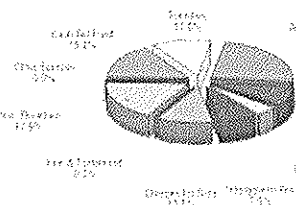
Budget Office

The mission of the Budget Office is to provide information, analysis, and staff support sufficient for the County Administrator and the Board of County Commissioners to make well informed financial, program and management decisions. The department's responsibilities include being a point of contact for departmental budget issues, grants oversight,

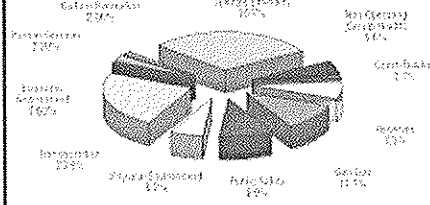
revenue and expenditure forecasting, monitoring the debt schedule and funds, estimating cash balances, conducting statistical analysis, and preparing studies at the request of the County Administrator or the Board of County Commissioners.

The department was newly created this fiscal year and currently consists of one Senior Budget Analyst.

**2005-06 FY Revenue
(ALL FUNDS)
Board of County Commissioners**



**2005-06 FY Expenditures
(ALL FUNDS)
Board of County Commissioners**



Human Resources

The Human Resources (HR) department is comprised of three employees

and provides services to 230 regular employees and 110 OPS employees.



Community Angel Members with donations for Haven House



Community Angel Members donating turkeys to the Wildwood Soup Kitchen at Thanksgiving 2005

Information Technology

Our mission includes the protection from loss of data and unnecessary downtime caused by hardware and software failures. We ensure that sensitive county data is secure from unauthorized access. We provide users of county computers with assistance needed to perform their jobs in a timely, helpful manner. We encourage the use of new technology and tools to enhance productivity and other county goals, and we help users develop their own technical knowledge. We strive to improve our performance and efficiency of computer operations as well as manual information systems through

further automation and improved procedures and technology. We continue to strive to uncover new ways to use existing hardware, software, data and personnel to achieve the strategic goals of our county which improves customer satisfaction and quality of service.

Our department has ten positions to provide systems analysis, designing and programming for computer services. We provide software and hardware computer audits and inventory. We coordinate all telephone services, placing orders and trouble reporting. Our technical staff maintains both voice data and fiber networks.

Accomplishments

Budget Office

- Managed the County's \$108 million FY 05/06 budget
- Processed 134 Budget Amendments FY 05/06 totaling approximately \$42,078,100
- Processed 301 line-to-line transfers FY 05/06
- Assisted in preparation for the County's \$30 million debt obligation issued by the Board of County Commissioners

Human Resources

- Processed over 1,056 applications and hired 97 new employees.
- Maintained an annual turnover rate of 12%
- Conducted Anti-Harassment training for all employees
- Conducted Employee Manual training for all employees
- Prepared and distributed Quarterly Employee Newsletters
- Conducted FMLA training for Department Heads
- Conducted Public Records Management Training for all Departments
- Facilitated Team Building activities for Fire Services
- Prepared and distributed the 2005-2006 Classification and Compensation Schedule
- Coordinated Community Angels projects for the Haven House, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Relay for Life and the Salvation Army
- Maintained County Inventory system
- Maintained County's Record's Management program

Information Technology

- Provide personal computer system service and support for 300+ County employees
- Created GIS Department and information postings to website
- Wireless Internet access at several libraries
- Wireless access for building inspectors to result inspections in the field
- Training and Support Coordinator provides software support and training to all County employees to include coordinating technical training from independent sources
- Telephone support to include Public Defender's Office, State Attorney's Office, 5th Judicial Court System, and Guardian Ad Litem
- Implemented (VOIP) Voice Over IP at various county locations
- Implementation and Support of a WAN (Wide Area Network) to all County fire stations and library branches
- Implemented web based permitting software, eTrakit, for public review

GIS Office

The definition used most often to describe a Geographical Information System is, an organized collection of computer hardware, software, geographic data, and personnel designed to efficiently capture, store, update, manipulate, analyze, and display all forms of geographically referenced information. In simpler terms it's a computer system capable of holding and using data describing places on the earth's surface. A GIS is not simply a computer system for making maps, although maps are a visual output of the GIS.

The GIS Office started under the Public Works Division but has recently moved under the County Administration's Information Technology Department as the uses for this system

have grown. Our office uses this system for various purposes to serve the residents and offices within the County. Our department issues addresses, and maintains many databases, but the address, roads and parcel databases are the largest and store the most requested data.

Our biggest project to date has been keeping up with the growth of The Villages. We have been working with the 911 Office and a Contract firm to get the information into our database. It has been a long process that is nearing completion and will be one of our biggest accomplishments. We feel this will complete the County so that we can continue to build on the data and grow with the County.

Risk Management



Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Risk Management share a table at the 2006 Employee Benefits Fair held in September.

The Risk Management Department is comprised of four employees. Their purpose is to administer the Board's insurance program and to prevent losses relating to property, liability and workers' compensation. They are also responsible for administering the employee health plan that insures 750 employees and their family members as well as the other employee benefits offered by the County.

Community Services Administration



Our Community Services Staff oversees a wide variety of functions and works to improve cooperation between governmental entities.

The Community Services Division is comprised of eight departments including Animal Control, Facilities Maintenance, Library Services, Parks and Recreation, Probation, Transit, Veterans Service and Community Services Division Administration.

The services include indigent burial services, Health Care Responsibility Act oversight, adoption of pets and enforcement of local and state laws pertaining to animal and public safety, oversight

of all county owned and leased property for maintenance and repair, providing cooperative library services with free informational and educational materials to residents of all ages, oversight of misdemeanor offenders and the conditions of the court order including community service hours and special cell phone collection project, providing active and passive parks and recreation facilities and programs, coordination of transportation services throughout the county, assistance to veterans and their families applying for benefits of all types including death and burial benefits and providing counseling services for budgets, health care benefits, document retrieval and application for medals and honors. The division has a significant financial impact on the community by providing improved services to the citizens and improved cooperation between governmental entities.

Accomplishments

GIS Office

New department created this year.
Started consolidation of The Villages data into the GIS Database.

Risk Management

Conducted benefit enrollment for 140 new employees and processed 299 benefit changes and terminations. These totals include Lake Sumter EMS employees as they are under the Board's Health plan.

Secured property insurance with premiums at a reasonable level in spite of the rising property insurance market in Florida.

Conducted monthly safety meetings with county departments to reduce workplace injuries. Loss expenses were down over 23% from 2004-05.

Coordinated the Annual Employee Health Fair to promote wellness to employees and their families. Also conducted various wellness seminars during the year.

Coordinated NACO Prescription Savings Program for Sumter County Citizens. 4681 prescriptions were purchased under the plan resulting in a direct savings of \$38439.00.

Community Services Administration

Successfully coordinated the delivery of many special services for the eight departments under their supervision. These departments include Animal Control, Facilities Maintenance, Library Services, Parks & Recreation, Probation, Transit, Veterans' Services and Community Services Administration.

Animal Control

Sumter County Animal Control is comprised of one manager, two road officers, two kennel workers and one staff assistant. We cover approximately 574 square miles within the county. We have close working relationships



with Sheriff's Department, Health Department, city and county agencies, veterinarians throughout Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties. Our mission is to enforce state and local laws pertaining to animals as well as protect the citizens from potentially dangerous or diseased animals roaming at large. Humane Society partners with our department providing cruelty, abuse and neglect investigation assistance, adoption assistance, foster homes and disaster and emergency preparedness training.

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Maintenance is responsible for the oversight of all county owned and leased property for maintenance and repair.



Library Services

There are currently 8 libraries within the Sumter County Library System:



A.A. Young, Sr. Library
Bushnell Public Library
Clark Maxwell, Jr. Library
Coleman Public Library
E.C. Rowell Public Library
Panasoffkee Community Library
Villages Public Library
Wildwood Public Library

Parks & Recreation

Is comprised of twelve full time employees and several seasonal staff. Our focus is to maintain, develop, schedule and reserve facilities; plan for long term development; provide programming; and determine the present and future needs of our community.

- Partnered with Sumter County Dept. of Health to purchase ten canoes that will soon be available to rent at Lake Okahumpka Park to help promote physical fitness and wellness.
- Partnered with Sumter County Extension with their first Annual Lake Panasoffkee Celebration.
- Partnered, for the 4th year in a row, with Panasoffkee Community Library's "Halloween In The Park."
- Board approved site for new Sports Complex.
- Sidewalks and ramps at various sites were installed to improve ADA Accessibility.

- Wells upgraded, pump sheds constructed & irrigation installed for future fields and landscapes.
- Small soccer field was finished at Lincoln Park in time for 2006 Soccer Season.
- Continued negotiations with SWFWMD for a long term lease of a 70 acre tract to be developed for Native American Village and Historical Site.
- West Central Florida Agriculture Exposition Hall (Ag Center) was opened and hosted several major events throughout the year.



Accomplishments

Animal Control

Completed expansion of existing kennels providing additional homes for the animals;

Villages Workshop donated platforms, blankets and beds;

Humane Society donated food, blankets, time, cruelty investigations, vet services, foster homes and adoption assistance

Handled approximately 343 adoptions of dogs and cats

Issued over 2700 tags and licenses

Facilities Maintenance

With a staff of eight full time employees, our maintenance team is equipped and ready for the task before them. They are responsible for the safety and oversight of 122 facilities.

Facilities Maintenance completed 1,554 submitted work orders and under budget!

Bushnell Veterans Service Office – Security system completed.

South Sumter Plaza – updated offices for GIS and Supervisor of Elections.

State Attorney's Office – completed in-house renovation.

Wildwood Fire Station – received new ceiling and doors

Library Services

Use of the libraries in Sumter County reflected the growth in the population and increased demand for library services:

71% more people visited our libraries

Computers in libraries were used 128% more

44% more materials were borrowed
9,011 or 51% more people registered for a library card

Library staff answered 47% more reference questions

The E.C. Rowell Public Library joined the county as its newest branch library. The library houses the Civil War Archives, a collection of books and artifacts from the Civil War donated primarily by E.C. Rowell, the Florida Speaker of the House in the 1960s.

Partnered with Sumter County Extension with their first Annual Lake Panasoffkee Celebration and with Panasoffkee Community Library's "Halloween in the Park," for the 4th year in a row.

Parks and Recreation

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Small soccer field was finished at Lincoln Park in time for 2006 Soccer Season

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Continued negotiations to develop a 70 acre tract for Native American Village and Historical Site
West Central Florida Agriculture Exposition Hall (Ag Center) was opened

Probation

Sumter County Probation Bureau has four staff members, One program coordinator/probation officer, one probation officer and two staff assistants. The department handles all misdemeanor offenses placed on supervised probation, as an alternative to jail, and acts as liaison between the community, the judge and the individual. Approximately 368 offenders were placed on probation and 29 Pre-Trial Intervention contracts were monitored for offenses such as DUI, no valid driver

license, domestic battery, shoplifting or possession of marijuana. The court ordered over 10,000 community service hours with over 5,000 of those completed during the fiscal year 05/06.



Transit

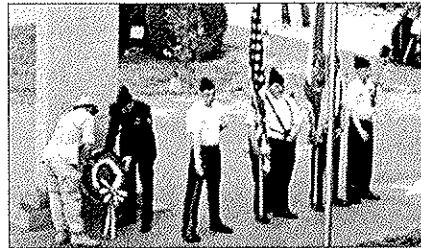
Transit is a vital member of the Community Services Division team, providing courier services, CDL testing, and county tours.



Veterans' Service Office

The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners established the Veterans' Service Office in 1946. However, it was combined with the Civil Defense Department, then later became an independent county public service department. Since its establishment in 1946 the Veterans' Service Office began with a Veterans' Service

Officer who assisted local Veterans with their needs. Presently the Veterans' Service Office Department is staffed with a Department Manager, Veterans' Service Officer, Assistant Veterans' Service Officer and Veterans' Counselors. The Veterans' Service Office provides a wide variety of services to all military personnel and their dependents.



Fire Rescue

We have recently completed fiscal year 2005 - 06, which is only our fourth year as a unified county-wide fire rescue system. We have many accomplishments that we can be proud of, and the difficulty with writing an Annual Report or State of the Department Report is that some may be

overlooked. The following list of our quantitative accomplishments is not offered in rank of their importance or criticality. Our most important accomplishment is service to the citizens and visitors of Sumter County. Our members serve with pride and dedication and provide our customers throughout the



Accomplishments

Probation

Probation collects used cell phones and donates them directly to victims and to charities for fund raisers.

This year 136 phones were donated to the Sumter County Youth Center which included 2,770 accessories such as chargers, batteries, cases and instruction manuals.

Twelve phones were given directly to victims coming to the Probation Department (service does not have to be activated to use 911).

30 were given to the Sheriff's Department Victim Advocate and 67 "bag phones" were given to Staples who sponsors an environmentally friendly battery and related component disposal.

Transit

Transit provided 93,073 trips in door-to-door service and fixed service routes, traveling a total of 693,751 miles

Participated in the community, providing shuttle service for three major events, the Bushnell Fall Festival, Dade Battlefield Reenactment, and Lake Panasoffkee Restoration event.

We administered \$997,943 in contracts and grants providing the needed transportation services to our residents.

Veterans' Service Office

Assisted 18,569 veterans with 177 veterans receiving back benefits totaling \$2,365,727.47

Fire Rescue

Acquired 3 new 1250 gpm Engines
Acquired 3 new 2,000 Gallon Tankers

Acquired 3 new Quick
Attach Brush Trucks

Acquired a new Breathing Air
Trailer at Station 11 in Bushnell

Completed new roof or roofing
repairs at 3 stations

Completing paving or lot improvements
at 8 Stations throughout the County

Completed interior improvements
at 2 stations

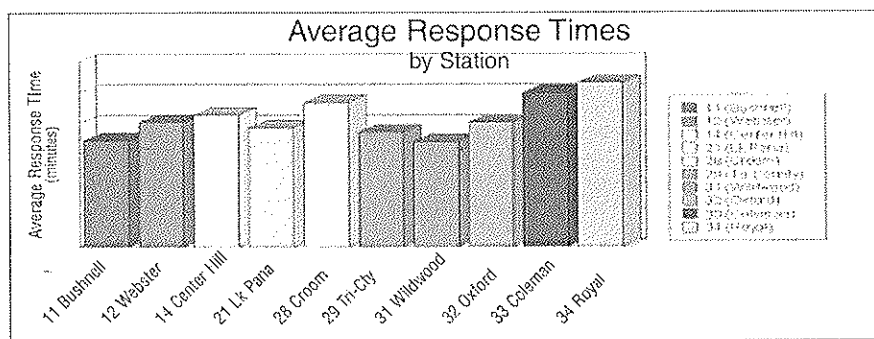
Purchased new gear for 8 stations

Made land acquisition for new
or temporary modular Fire Stations
in Webster, Coleman/Adamsville,
and Sumterville

Fire Rescue (continued)

County with: 1) First – Response Medical – Basic Life Support, 2) Fire Suppression Response in accordance with NFPA Standard 1720, 3) Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, 4) Haz-Mat First Response at the Operations Level, 5) Fire Prevention Education & Inspections, 6) Fire Investigations & Plans Review, 7) Citizen C.P.R. Training, 8) Firefighter 1 Training, First Responder – Medical Training and Continuing Education for our Firefighters & Members. With so

many services offered in such a relatively short period of time we have much to be proud of. Sumter County Fire Rescue offers all of the programs of a full-service municipal or county fire department with an Operations staff that is comprised of approximately 120 “Paid-on-Call” and “Part-Time” employees. In my opinion our greatest asset is our membership. While this may be a more “qualitative” value than a “quantitative” one, it is hard to place a numerical value on personal service & dedication.



Accomplishments

(See previous page)

Planning and Development

The goals of the Division of Planning and Development are to assist the citizens of Sumter County:

- to achieve well planned, ordered development supported by roads, schools and utilities,
- to protect natural resources,
- to provide safe and affordable housing for the elderly and disadvantaged,

- to ensure that construction is in compliance with the Florida Building Code, and to ensure that the health and safety of our citizens is protected by implementation of codes and laws.

The Division includes Planning Services, Building Services, and Housing Services. The Division has strived to meet the challenges of growth while maintaining customer service focused on prompt, friendly assistance.

Building Services

Building Services focuses on administration of the Florida Building Code. Their purpose is to assure construction of buildings is accomplished in compliance with State standards. Building Services staff includes the Permit Techs who directly assist customers. They help citizens and contractors understand what documents need to be submitted for a successful project review. They issue permits once review is complete. They are an important link to the public, a responsibility they take seriously and perform well. Plans Examiners review the drawings and documents showing planned construction. They assure the plans meet building, fire safety, and handicap access requirements. Upon completion of review, the

Permit Techs can issue the permitting documents. The Building Inspectors work in the field, inspecting work as it progresses to ensure it matches the approved plans. The inspectors' goal is to assist contractors in completing projects successfully. The Building Official is the administrator of the Florida Building Code for Sumter County. He has the final responsibility and decision when questions arise or if an interpretation is needed. He works closely with all staff members, contractors and citizens to facilitate the success of projects.

With the growth in Sumter County, Building Services has been active. In 2005-2006 fiscal year, over 4,600 permits were issued for residential construction and over 200 for

Building Services (continued)

commercial construction. Altogether, over 42,000 permits were issued and over 110,000 inspections were made. The Building staff has first rate customer service. Inspections requested are done the next day. After complete plans are submitted, plan review for residential is

generally completed within ten days. Working with developers who master plan residential units, the turn around time on the permit is one day. Commercial plan review, including fire review, is generally completed within fifteen days after complete sets are submitted.

Accomplishments

Code Compliance

Performed 2,209 inspections
Coordinated the neighborhood cleanup project

Collected more than 491,400 pounds of trash during the neighborhood cleanup

Planning Services

Adopted a School Coordination/Concurrency Interlocal Agreement One Year Ahead of Schedule

Adopted Proportionate Fair Share Ordinance One Month Ahead of Schedule

Entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization for Assistance with Long-Range Transportation Issues

Entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wildwood and the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Coordinated Transportation Review of the Wildwood Springs Development of Regional Impact

Adopted a new policy in the Comprehensive Plan for Master Planned Developments

Adopted a new section in the Land Development Code for Master Planned Developments

Zoning

Reviewed almost 200 cases for the Zoning and Adjustment Review Board

Development Review

Conducted the review of 136 projects of economic impact on the citizens of Sumter County.

Two major projects included Eagle Roofing and Thomas Langley Medical Center

Code Compliance

Code Compliance works in partnership with the citizens of Sumter County to maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. The objective is to protect neighborhoods and property values by implementing codes that promote the health, safety and appearance of Sumter County. In 2005-2006 fiscal year, the Code Officers handled 986 complaints (possible violations), opened 456 cases, and resolved 574 cases. The Code

Officers performed 2,209 inspections in that year. In addition, the Code Coordinator has developed a successful neighborhood clean-up program. This year, working with a committee of volunteers, more than 491,400 pounds of trash, tires and debris has been removed from neighborhoods and disposed of properly. The team of volunteers gave a total of 919 man hours of their time to this beneficial project.



Planning Services

Planning Services includes Comprehensive Planning, Zoning, and Development Review. Each of these areas plays a critical role in managing the growth and development in Sumter

County. Planning has accomplished many successes this past year. Some of the most notable successes are listed on this page.

Zoning

Zoning is the front line for customer service for the Planning Department. Zoning assists the public in the interpretation and application of the Sumter County Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. All building permit applications are initiated with Zoning staff for input into the system and checked for compliance with the

Land Development Code. In addition, Zoning provides staff support to the Zoning and Adjustment Board. Zoning assists hundreds of customers each week. In addition to the daily customer contacts, Zoning coordinated and reviewed almost 200 cases for the Zoning and Adjustment Board (through 11/7/06).

Development Review

Development Review coordinates and reviews all commercial, office, industrial and residential subdivision development. Development Review is a critical component of economic development within Sumter County. In 2005, Development Review has coordinated several significant projects with a significant positive impact on the economic health and vitality of Sumter County. Development Review has coordinated

and reviewed 136 projects (through 11/7/06). Two of the most notable projects are:

Eagle Roofing
Thomas Langley Medical Center



Housing Services

Housing Services assists our community in providing decent, safe and affordable housing. The Housing staff administers programs and grants which focus on helping the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged. Sumter County's Housing staff is unique. With four members, they are able to accomplish programs often separated into individual departments in other counties. They write grant requests, including the complicated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Many jurisdictions hire private consultants for that task, while Sumter County Housing staff does that in-house. They are motivated by their ability to assist people in need. The Housing staff works closely with Building Services. Through that partnership, the Housing Manager created a low cost home design that helped fund dollars go farther. That made it possible to help more citizens in need.

One of the programs is the CDBG mentioned above. Through that program 26 families with elderly

or disabled had dilapidated, unsafe houses torn down and replaced with new houses. The homes built are modest, but give the elderly and disabled the dignity of living in decent homes. Housing has developed several strategies for the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP). One strategy assisted 10 families in becoming first-time home owners by making low interest loans to assist with down payments and closing costs. The loans are paid back into the program to assist new applicants. Through SHIP, 7 homes received emergency repair, 6 unsafe homes were rehabilitated, and 10 dilapidated homes were replaced. This benefits the families, the neighborhood, and Sumter County as a whole. Forty eight families were able to find clean, safe rental units with the assistance of Housing programs. Thirty families were able to obtain housing that meets current hurricane codes.

In fiscal year 2005-2006, Housing staff assisted over 190 families in Sumter County.

Public Works

Road and Bridge

The Public Works Division consists of the following departments: Road and

Bridge, Solid Waste, FORCE, and Mosquito Control.

The Road and Bridge Department consist of a highly motivated and professional staff of fifty-five employees who strive to improve the operational efficiency of the County's infrastructure within its right of way. A variety of operations including planning, design, construction and maintenance are performed by staff and contract services to

maintain the desired level of service whether it be for a sidewalk, a traffic light or major road construction.

The county system of connected roads consist of 585.38 miles of various road types: 76 miles of major collector, 60.47 miles of minor collector, 429.87 miles of local paved, 19.04 miles of dirt/rock roads.



Left: Construction which will transform CR 631C from a stabilized road to a 20 foot wide paved road.

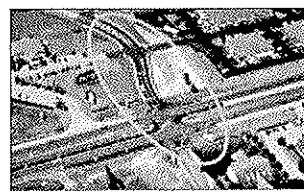
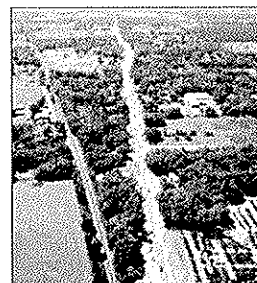
Below: New road project which will transform CR 622 F&G from a stabilized road to a 15 foot wide paved road.



Left: C-468 SCOP Project



Right Above & Below: Realignment of CR 109 and installation of traffic light at intersection of CR 109 and US 441/27



Accomplishments

Road and Bridge

Purchase of a GIS-centric Asset Maintenance Management System with which to organize, store and retrieve asset data including location, connectivity, detailed attributes, maintenance activities and historical data.

Addition of Mr. William (Bill) F. Stevens, Jr., P.E. as Engineering Manager. Bill comes to Road and Bridge after having served with Dade County Public Works Department since May 1987.

Resurfacing a one mile section of Buena Vista at the cost of \$103,234.57.

This project also represents the first project completed using Superpave. Superpave stands for Superior Performing Asphalt Pavement. It is a comprehensive system for the design of paving mixes that are tailored to the unique performance requirements dictated by the traffic, environment, and structural section at a pavement site. It enhances pavement performance through the selection and combination of the most suitable asphalt binder and aggregate.

Construction began on CR 631C and CR 622 F&G. This project consists of transforming the existing stabilized roads to paved roads.

Construction began on the resurfacing of C-48E for approximately 2.7 miles from Center Hill to the Lake County line.

Construction began on the resurfacing of C-476W for approximately 2.285 miles from US 301 west to CR 616.

Realignment of CR 109 and installation of traffic signals at the intersection of CR 109 and US 441/27 at a cost of \$354,443.04. This project was completed under a Joint Participation Agreement between FDOT and Sumter County.

Construction projects funded through impact fees, which are still ongoing, include the four laning of US 301 and C-466A.

The 2000 Legislative session created Section 339.2818, F.S. establishing the Small County Outreach Program. Under this program, C-468 was resurfaced from SR 35 to SR 44 with final reimbursement to the County in 05/06 FY. Total project cost was \$1,729,458.77.

Solid Waste

The nine employees of the Solid Waste Department effectively manages the County's diverse amount of solid waste—including household garbage, bottles, cans, newspapers, batteries, construction debris, lawn and yard trash. Disposal of waste is accomplished through different means of which transfer and the sale of recyclables are a part.

A knowledgeable staff monitors all aspects of the operation promoting a

safe work environment dedicated to public health and safety concerns.



Accomplishments

Sold Waste

Purchase of the CompuWeigh System which is designed to assist from the initiation of the data collection process at the scalehouse to the monthly invoicing and reporting requirements.

On July 25, 2006, Chairman Chandler recognized Sandra Howell, Tommy Hurst and Randall Thornton for their efforts in achieving a positive operating performance for the Solid Waste facility.

A 7% tonnage increase from the 04/05 FY was realized in materials deposited at the Solid Waste Facility.

Congratulations to:

Six employees who received spotter certification

Three employees who were certified in transfer station MRF operations

Six employees who received Department of Correction training certification.

FORCE

Awarded FDOT Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to assist FDOT to improve its storm debris management program and improve markets to beneficial use of storm debris.

Completion of various research and demonstration projects that began in Year 4 of the grant.

Utilization of digester for feedstock testing trials.

Creation of FORCE library, reading room and technology database.

Completion of the Earth Tub Composting Vessel project and donation of vessel to Sumter County Extension Service for the ongoing purpose of demonstrating compost techniques to any and all interested public or private sector parties.

Resolution presentation by Senator Paula Dockery recognizing the Board for its work in supporting and staffing FORCE.

Mosquito Control

Pursuant to Chapter 5E-13.040 FAC, Herschel Wiley, Jr. successfully fulfilled the requirements for the DACS Director Examination.

Completed construction and setup of mosquito control workshop and chemical storage building.

With staffing needs met, training began to prepare employees for the State Certified Public Health Pest Examination.

UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension

Grants totaling more than \$130,000 were received and are being administered in the form of programs and enhancements.

The Sumter Master Gardeners produced an award-winning series of newsletters, winning first place at the Annual Master Gardener Convention.

A new community celebration was produced by Sumter County Extension to help raise awareness of water conservation and the preservation of water resources. Lake Panasoffkee Celebration brought together many environmental groups, businesses and citizens for a successful event.

The Florida Friendly Landscaping Series attracted record numbers of residents at the monthly workshops.

FORCE

The Florida Organics Recycling Center of Excellence (FORCE) which is located at the Sumter County Solid Waste Management Facility is based on Specific Appropriation Line Item 1633B of the 2000-2001 General Appropriation Act. This \$3,500,000.00 project commenced as a cooperative effort among Sumter County, DEP and public/private researchers. The partnership between

these entities is intended to offer an ideal combination of practical experience, research capability, and public education resources.

FORCE is designed to provide the structure necessary to develop Florida's organics recycling infrastructure and to support it with research and development of processing and marketing technologies.

Mosquito Control

The Mosquito Control Department provides a quality service that both enhances the well-being of the citizens of Sumter County as well as protecting their health through the prevention and control of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.

Through training and education programs the Mosquito Control employees stay abreast of the latest techniques

and procedures therefore producing an effective and environmentally sound mosquito control program.



Administration, Agriculture/Horticulture and 4-H; Martha Maddox, Family and Consumer Sciences. Four Regional Specialized Agents have 25% appointments in Sumter County, sharing with Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties. They are Joan Bradshaw, Natural Resources; Gary England, Commercial Horticulture; Ed Jennings, Livestock and Stacy Strickland, Small Farms.

Two program assistants support the agents: Donna Lester in Horticulture and Linda Burt in 4-H Youth Development. Samantha Verdoni serves as part time clerk and Jeanne Ethridge is the Senior Secretary for the office.

Fifty-five Master Gardeners spend at least 50 hours per year volunteering for the extension office, answering telephones working plant clinics, maintaining gardens and speaking to groups. They also have meetings and trainings each month. Eleven 4-H clubs are organized by volunteers who assist in providing programs and activities for youth ages 5-18.

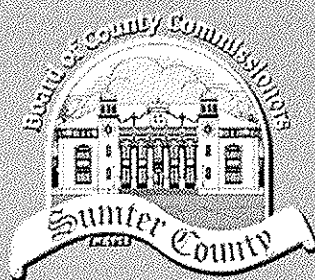
UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension

Sumter County Extension provides research based information provided by the University of Florida, to the citizens and businesses of Sumter County. This information is provided through workshops, classes, events, newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, a website, plant clinics and office visits.

In 2006, Sumter County Extension moved to a new location and added three new staff members. A satellite office opened at The Villages Government Annex to provide more services to a fast growing population. A new water conservation landscape was designed and installed at the new office location at the West Central Florida Agriculture Center. Two new projects were added to the Children's Garden at the Sumter County Youth Center, an Earth Tub Composter and a Larra Wasp/Mole Cricket Demonstration site.

The faculty members are: Brooke Burn, Urban Horticulture; Jim Davis, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods; Russ Giesy, Dairy Science; Susan Kelly,

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